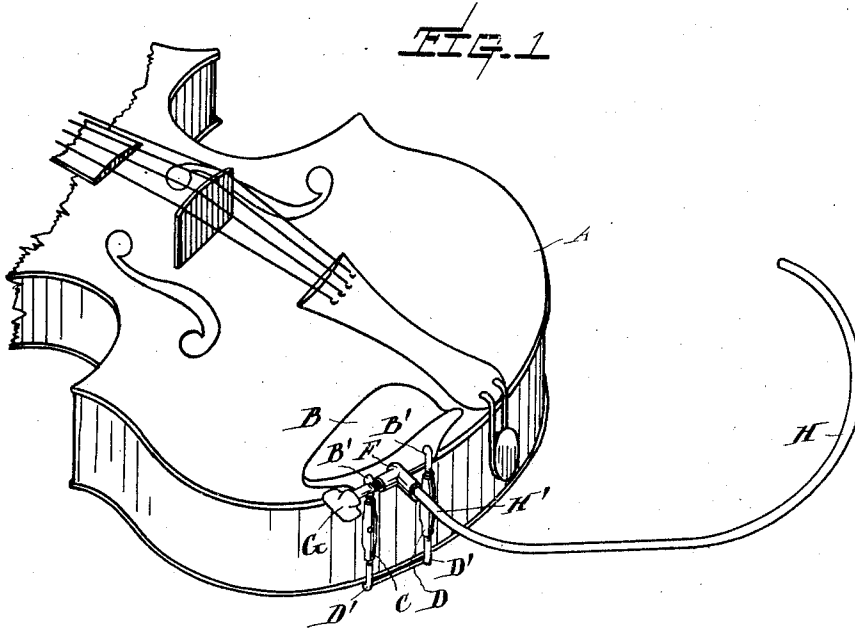
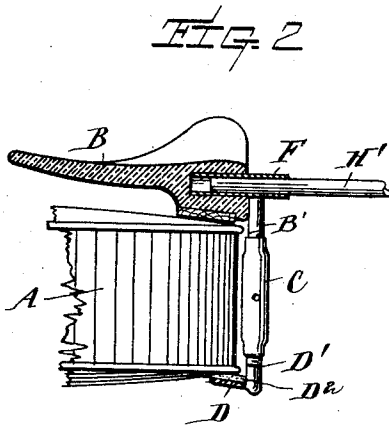
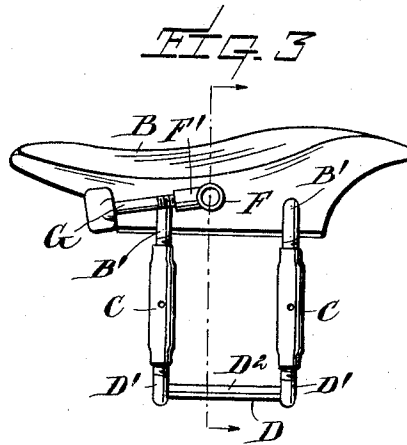


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN DOYLE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Hoboken, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Violin-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to devices for loosely holding the body of a violin to the neck of the performer, in position to be played upon, thus permitting free movements of the head and hands while playing.

The object of the invention is to provide such holding means as an attachment to the usual chin-rest, thus offering the advantages of both methods of holding and also avoiding the use of an extra clamp or other fastening for securing the holding means to the violin.

A further object is to provide means for adjusting the holder to meet the requirements of the performer.

The invention consists in certain novel features and details of construction by which the above objects are attained, to be hereinafter described and claimed.

The accompanying drawings form a part of this specification and show the invention as it has been carried out in practice.

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing a portion of the body of a violin with the chin-rest and holder in place thereon.

Fig. 2 is a vertical section partly in elevation, showing the chin-rest and the relation of the holder thereto. The plane of section is indicated by the line 2—2 in the succeeding figure.

Fig. 3 is an elevation of the chin-rest, seen from the rear, with the holder removed.

Similar letters of reference indicate the same parts in all the figures.

A is the violin, B the bowl of a chin-rest, which may be of any preferred shape adapted to receive the chin of the performer as usual. B¹ B¹ are short studs extending downwardly from the rear face of the bowl, each screw-threaded to receive a sleeve or tubular turnbuckle C adapted to receive at the lower ends the left threaded studs D¹ D¹ of a clamp D, the upper face of which carries a thin pad D² of felt or the like. The rear thickened portion of the bowl B is adapted to lie upon the upper face of the violin, and the clamp D upon the lower face

and the chin-rest is thus clamped upon the violin as usual by turning the sleeves C.

In the thickened rear portion of the bowl is set a tubular socket F projecting rearwardly therefrom and having a boss F¹ on one side of the projecting end, in which is a thumbscrew G lying at a right angle to the socket and extending laterally along the rear face of the bowl.

The socket F receives the straight arm H¹ of the holder-rod H which is curved to encircle partially the neck of the performer and is held in the desired position by the thumb-screw G.

The socket F has sufficient length to allow the straight end or arm H¹ to be inserted a greater or less distance in adjusting the holder-rod to the neck, and the arm H¹ may be rotated in the socket to present the curved portion of the rod H in the desired angular position to engage the neck comfortably and to support the violin correctly.

By using both the chin-rest and holder-rod the violin may be held reliably while the hands of the performer are free, as required in directing an orchestra.

The invention may be applied to any type of chin-rest; by its attachment to the latter, further clamps or means for fastening the holder-rod to the violin are not necessary.

The rod may be of aluminum or any light material or composition such as indurated fiber, hard vulcanized rubber or the like, and is preferably sufficiently pliable to permit shaping by the hands to conform to the neck.

Other adjusting and securing means may be substituted for the thumbscrew.

I claim:—

1. The violin holder described, comprising a chin-rest adapted to be secured to a violin, and a holder-rod attached to said chin-rest and arranged to encircle partially the neck of the performer.

2. The violin holder described, comprising a chin-rest adapted to be secured to a violin, a holder-rod separably attached to said chin-rest and arranged to encircle partially the neck of the performer, and means for adjusting said rod relatively to said chin-rest.

3. The violin holder described, comprising a chin-rest adapted to be secured to a violin, a tubular socket on said chin-rest, a holder-rod adapted to be separably received

at one end in said socket with the other end curved to encircle partially the neck of the performer, and means for holding said rod adjustably in said socket.

- 5 4. The violin holder described, comprising a chin-rest adapted to be secured to a violin, a tubular socket on said chin-rest, a holder-rod adapted to be separably received

at one end in said socket with the other end curved to encircle partially the neck of the performer, a boss on said socket, and a thumbscrew in said boss arranged to hold said rod adjustably in said socket.

In testimony that I claim the invention above set forth I affix my signature.

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